

THE HONORABLE JAMAL N. WHITEHEAD

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

PLAINTIFF PACITO; PLAINTIFF ESTHER;
PLAINTIFF JOSEPHINE; PLAINTIFF SARA;
PLAINTIFF ALYAS; PLAINTIFF MARCOS;
PLAINTIFF AHMED; PLAINTIFF RACHEL;
PLAINTIFF ALI; HIAS, INC.; CHURCH
WORLD SERVICE, INC.; and LUTHERAN
COMMUNITY SERVICES NORTHWEST,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as
President of the United States; MARCO RUBIO,
in his official capacity as Secretary of State;
KRISTI NOEM, in her official capacity as
Secretary of Homeland Security; ROBERT F.
KENNEDY, JR., in his official capacity as
Secretary of Health and Human Services,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-255-JNW

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
CLASS CERTIFICATION**

Upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification, this Court finds that Plaintiffs have satisfied the requirements for class certification under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b)(2). Specifically, Plaintiffs have demonstrated that members of the proposed subclasses are so numerous that joinder is impracticable; that there are questions of law and fact common to the subclasses; that the claims of the Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the subclass members; and

1 that Plaintiffs and their counsel, as representatives of the subclasses, will fairly and adequately
2 protect their interests. Additionally, this Court finds that Defendants have acted on grounds
3 generally applicable to the subclasses in their entirety, thereby making appropriate final injunctive
4 and declaratory relief to the subclasses in their entirety.

5 In light of the above, this Court orders that Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification be
6 granted and that the following subclasses, as defined, be certified:

7 1. **The Refugee and Family Member Subclass:** all persons who are being or will be
8 processed for admission to the United States as a refugee or who have applied or will apply for a
9 family member to be processed for admission as a refugee;

10 2. **The Reception & Placement Subclass:** all refugees and Afghan and Iraqi Special
11 Immigrant Visa holders resettled to the United States and within their first ninety days post-
12 resettlement as of January 20, 2025, the issuance date of the Refugee Ban Executive Order, or who
13 currently are, or will be, resettled in the United States and within their first ninety days post-
14 resettlement; and

15 3. **The FTJ Petitioner Subclass:** all persons in the United States who are currently
16 petitioning or will petition for family members to be admitted to the United States under the follow-
17 to-join ("FTJ") refugee program.

18 The Court appoints Plaintiffs Pacito, Sara, Alyas, Marcos, Josephine, and Ahmed as
19 representatives of the Refugee and Family Member Subclass, Plaintiff Ali as representative of the
20 Reception & Placement Subclass, and Plaintiff Esther as representative of the FTJ Petitioner
21 Subclass. The Court also appoints counsel from the International Refugee Assistance Project and
22 Perkins Coie LLP as class counsel.

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**
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1 Dated this ____ day of March, 2025.

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4 United States District Judge
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